



Plurals

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Most Nouns

The **plurals** of most nouns are formed by adding *s* to the singular.

cheerleader — **cheerleaders** wheel — **wheels**

bubble — **bubbles**

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Nouns Ending in *ch*, *sh*, *s*, *x*, and *z*

The plural form of nouns ending in *ch*, *sh*, *s*, *x*, and *z* is made by adding *es* to the singular.

lunch — **lunches** dish — **dishes** mess — **messes**

buzz — **buzzes** fox — **foxes**

686.3

Nouns Ending in *o*

The plurals of nouns ending in *o* with a vowel just before the *o* are formed by adding *s*.

radio — **radios** studio — **studios** rodeo — **rodeos**

The plurals of most nouns ending in *o* with a consonant just before the *o* are formed by adding *es*.

echo — **echoes** hero — **heroes** tomato — **tomatoes**

Exceptions: Musical terms and words of Spanish origin always form plurals by adding *s*.

alto — **altos** banjo — **banjos** taco — **tacos**

solo — **solos** piano — **pianos** burro — **burros**

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Nouns Ending in *ful*

The plurals of nouns that end with *ful* are formed by adding an *s* at the end of the word.

three platefuls six tankfuls four cupfuls five pailfuls

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Nouns Ending in *f* or *fe*

The plurals of nouns that end in *f* or *fe* are formed in one of two ways: If the final *f* sound is still heard in the plural form of the word, simply add *s*; if the final sound is a *v* sound, change the *f* to *ve* and add *s*.

roof — **roofs** chief — **chiefs** belief — **beliefs**

(plural ends with *f* sound)

wife — **wives** loaf — **loaves** leaf — **leaves**

(plural ends with *v* sound)



Grammar Practice

Plurals 1

- Nouns Ending in *ch, sh, s, x, and z*
- Nouns Ending in *o, ful, f, or fe*



For each of the following sentences, write the plural form of the underlined word or words.

Example: The class collected five box of books for the book drive.

boxes

1. Before the final bell rang, eight bus lined up in front of the school.
2. Several coral reef form a natural barrier for the chain of island off the South American coast.
3. Farmer in Idaho have a history of raising huge potato.
4. Jill likes two spoonful of sugar in her tea.
5. Clear the ash out of the fireplace before building a new fire.
6. Our school's music teacher wants 10 more soprano in the choir.
7. We saw 30 calf during our field trip to the Pell dairy farm.
8. Salid and Jerry decided to rent three video for the weekend.
9. After eating just one jalapeño pepper, Frank needed five mouthful of milk to cool his tongue.
10. Diego loves to play the bongo.
11. The drawing board in Mom's office faces a row of four window.
12. She enjoys watching the leaf change every fall.
13. Zack packed three lunch for the family's day of hiking.

Next Step: Write three sentences using the plurals of *radio, capful, and life*. Read your sentences aloud to a classmate.